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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Sahera Halim

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in respond to communication filled on July 17, 2004.
2. Claim 1 is pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Bub. No. 2002/0123337 to Dharian et al (hereinafter Dharian) and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,898,428 to Thorburn et al (hereinafter). Dharian discloses a system for data transmission and reception comprising (abstract):

a wireless data broadcast system broadcasting outgoing data from a data network to a plurality of users, the wireless data broadcast system further comprising (Fig. 1, element 123, 101, 111-n, MS):

a wireless data return path system receiving incoming data from the plurality of users and providing the incoming data to the data network, the wireless data return path system further comprising (page 1, [0005]; Dharian teaches an up link and down link for receiving and sending traffic between users and BTS):

One or more wireless collector systems receiving data from a predetermined set of the plurality of users (page 1, [0005]; Dharian teaches the use of collectors to broadcast traffic);

Although the system disclosed by Dharian shows substantial features of the claimed invention, it fails to disclose:

one or more wireless broadcast repeaters and one or more return path repeater systems receiving data from one or more predetermined wireless collector systems; and

wherein the system uses terrestrial line-of-sight broadcasting in conjunction with satellite data transmission systems.

However, in an analogous art, Thorburn teaches:

one or more wireless broadcast repeaters (Fig. 4d and col. 4, lines 42 – 49) and one or more return path repeater systems receiving data from one or more predetermined wireless collector systems (Fig. 4j and col. 5, lines 17 - 25); and

wherein the system uses terrestrial line-of-sight broadcasting in conjunction with satellite data transmission systems (abstract, Fig. 1, col. 2, line 52 – col. 3, line 46).

Given the teachings of Dharian and Thorburn, a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized the desirability and advantages of adding repeaters and using terrestrial line-of-sight broadcasting in conjunction with satellite in order to increase reliability.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

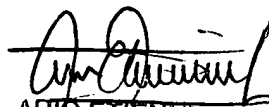
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sahera Halim whose telephone number is (571) 272-4003. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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